

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–42 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H9573**

H. Res. 635, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4182) and (H.R. 1699) was agreed to yesterday, November 30th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 4th. **Page H9586**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9584–85, H9585, and H9585–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Block Grant-Disaster Recovery”. Testimony was heard from Neal Rackleff, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE READINESS AND TRAINING: INTEROPERABILITY, SHORTFALLS, AND THE WAY AHEAD

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Amphibious Warfare Readiness and Training: Interoperability, Shortfalls, and the Way Ahead”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Brian D. Beaudreault, Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, U.S. Marine Corps; Vice Admiral Andrew L. Lewis, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (N3/N5), U.S. Navy; and Cary Russell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4478, the “FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017”. H.R. 4478 was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 4 through December 8, 2017

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: December 5, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine addressing the opioid crisis in America, focusing on prevention, treatment, and recovery, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: December 7, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense acquisition reform efforts, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 5, business meeting to consider S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, and the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: December 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Timothy R. Petty, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Linda Capuano, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

December 5, Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine S. 1336, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 1455, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish new goals for the Department of Energy relating to energy storage and to carry out certain demonstration projects relating to energy storage, S. 1563, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal by-products, S. 1851, to require the Secretary of Energy to

establish an energy storage research program, demonstration and deployment program, and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1876, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to advance energy storage deployment by reducing the cost of energy storage through research, development, and demonstration, S. 1981, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and S. 2030, to deem the compliance date for amended energy conservation standards for ceiling light kits to be January 21, 2020, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: December 6, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-406.

December 6, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine challenges facing Superfund and waste cleanup efforts following natural disasters, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 5, business meeting to consider S. 1118, to reauthorize the North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004, S. 1901, to require global economic and political pressure to support diplomatic denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, including through the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and any enablers of the activities of that Government, and to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, S. 447, to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues, S. Res. 150, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance, S. Res. 139, condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, and the nominations of Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary (Management), and James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, both of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing in SD-419 to examine the President, Congress, and shared authority over the international accords, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

December 6, Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine beyond ISIS, focusing on countering terrorism, radicalization, and promoting stability in North Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 5, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth L. Marcus, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, and Johnny Collett, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, and William Beach, of Kansas, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, both of the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-430.

December 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, both of the Department of Education, Kate S. O'Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, and other pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

December 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on progress and the path forward for medical innovation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 6, to hold hearings to examine adapting to defend the Homeland against the evolving international terrorist threat, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: December 6, business meeting to consider S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and S. 1770, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 6, to hold hearings to examine firearm accessory regulation and enforcing Federal and state reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorner, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfeld Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 5, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

December 7, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: December 6, to hold hearings to examine America's aging workforce, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Education and the Workforce, December 6, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Workplace Leave Policies: Opportunities and Challenges for Employers and Working Families”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, December 7, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “The Mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Role of the Department of Energy in Energy Sector Cybersecurity”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 6, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform, Part IV”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

December 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Office of Financial Research”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

December 7, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 6, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Advancing Human Rights to Combat Extremism”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 6, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Brexit: A Negotiation Update”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

December 6, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Tibet: Access, Religious Freedom, and Human Rights”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Counterterrorism Efforts in Africa”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, December 7, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Examining the Department of Homeland Security’s Efforts to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on House Administration, December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Preventing Sexual Harass-

ment in the Congressional Workplace: Examining Reforms to the Congressional Accountability Act”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, December 6, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4465, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 7, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 805, the “Tulare Youth Recreation and Women’s History Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1349, to amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 3371, the “Modoc County Land Transfer and Economic Development Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3961, the “Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2017”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, December 7, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of IT and Cybersecurity at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, December 5, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 38, the “Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017”, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

December 6, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, December 6, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “From Lab to Market: A Review of NSF Innovation Corps”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

December 6, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “NASA’s Next Four Large Telescopes”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled “New Names, Same Problems: The VA Medical Surgical Prime Vendor Program”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through November 30, 2017

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	177	173	..
Time in session	1,062 hrs., 53'	781 hrs., 17'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	7,651	9,570	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,630	..
Public bills enacted into law	29	60	89
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	390	608	998
Senate bills	101	24	..
House bills	50	403	..
Senate joint resolutions	8	6	..
House joint resolutions	16	19	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	9	8	..
House concurrent resolutions	8	14	..
Simple resolutions	198	134	..
Measures reported, total	* 254	426	680
Senate bills	196	1	..
House bills	28	328	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	27	91	..
Special reports	13	5	..
Conference reports	1	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	173	98	..
Measures introduced, total	2,596	5,360	7,956
Bills	2,172	4,507	..
Joint resolutions	49	121	..
Concurrent resolutions	30	94	..
Simple resolutions	345	638	..
Quorum calls	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	289	300	..
Recorded votes .....	..	348	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Veto overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through November 30, 2017

Civilian nominations, totaling 553, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	268
Unconfirmed	249
Withdrawn	36

Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,211, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	933
Unconfirmed	278

Air Force nominations, totaling 5,962, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	5,594
Unconfirmed	367
Withdrawn	1

Army nominations, totaling 6,613, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	6,552
Unconfirmed	60
Withdrawn	1

Navy nominations, totaling 4,278, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	4,218
Unconfirmed	60

Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,314, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	1,314
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Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	19,931
Total confirmed	18,879
Total unconfirmed	1,014
Total withdrawn	38
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 188 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 432 reports have been filed in the House.